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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED - DUTCH AND JAPANESE DEVELOPMENTS HELP REFOCUS
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1. ALTHOUGH THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY COMMISSION HAS YET TO CONVEENE OR EVEN AGREE ON PROCEDURAL RULES, THE LOCKHEED CASE IS AGAIN RECEIVING WIDESPREAD PUBLIC ATTENTION. NEWS-PAPERS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM HAVE GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE TO THE ARREST OF FORMER JAPANESE PM TANAKA AND THE RESIGNATION OF DUTCH PRINCE BERNHARD FROM HIS PUBLIC POSITIONS. MEDIA COMMENTATORS CONTRAST JAPANESE AND DUTCH INVESTIGATION ZEAL WITH THE LONG DELAYS IN THE ITALIAN CASE.

2. PCI SENATOR D'ANGELOSANTE, MEMBER OF BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEW INQUIRY COMMISSIONS, CHOSE THIS MOMENT TO
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ALLEGE THAT ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 16 THE OLD COMMISSION

WAS "AT THE POINT OF ARRESTING A MINISTER", A MOVE
BLOCKED BY THE EFFORTS OF DC AND PSDI MEMBERS. THIS
VERSION OF THE FACTS WAS OF COURSE IMMEDIATELY CONTESTED,
MOST VOCALLY BY A PSDI COMMISSIONER.

3. ADDING TO MURKINESS IS A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO
FORMER LOCKHEED EMPLOYEE ERNEST HAUSER TO EFFECT THAT
"ANTILOPE COBBLER" IDENTIFIES NONE OF THE FORMER
PRIME MINISTERS AROUND WHOM SPECULATION HAS CENTERED,
BUT A "YOUNGER MAN."

4. THE COMING LABORS OF THE NEW INQUIRY COMMISSION
WILL TAKE PLACE IN A DIFFICULT ATMOSPHERE. PCI STRENGTH
ON THE COMMISSION HAS GROWN AS A RESULT OF ITS
SHOWING IN THE JUNE ELECTIONS, AND THE COMMUNISTS
MAY BE EXPECTED TO PUSH ON THIS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH THEIR
EFFORTS WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE TEMPERED BY THE
PARTY'S DESIRE TO WOO THE DC INTO THE HISTORIC COM-
PROMISE. FINALLY, SOCIALIST FORMER COMMISSION MEMBER
SIGNORI PROMISES TO COMPLICATE MATTERS WITH HIS
PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF A NEW INQUIRY COMMISSION TO
INVESTIGATE ALL MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DEALINGS
OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.BEAUDRY

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